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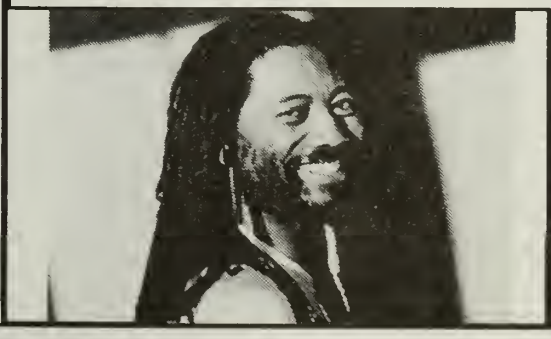

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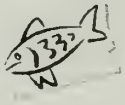

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Storyteller Len Cabral in Mattapoisett

Everybody loves a good story ... and Len Cabral is a storyteller extraordinaire! Sponsored by the SouthCoast Learning Network, Mr. Cabral will spin his yarns on the last Sunday in February at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School in Mattapoisett.

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Mr. Cabral will speak on Sunday evening, February 28 in the cafetorium of ORR Junior High School from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please call 748-9792 to reserve seats up front or pay at the door ($3 for children under 12, $7 for adults). The SouthCoast Learning Network is a community education non-profit organization serving citizens of all ages along the SouthCoast.

Reflections

Saying Goodbye to My Friend Clarke

By Donald R. Correia

There I sat, in the back of the church, in a padded chair probably reserved for the Deacons that usually sit there during normal services. I had not dressed in my best Sunday go-to-meeting clothes as most others had; I was in my work clothes, as I usually was when I was with Clarke Hottle. I have come to say goodbye — why should I be any different today than I was any other day when Clarke and I sat in my shop those days past? Or when we sat at Gaetano's a long time ago, sipping a couple of beers, solving the problems of the town, the state, and most of the entire world?

I had arrived late, at least I thought I had as the place was filled to capacity, all pews filled with those coming to hear what kin and friend might have to say. Those who came to say, as I did, goodbye dear Clarke. As I sat there before the family arrived, I mused over the years I had known Clarke. I thought about the good times and those times we were at each other like prizefighters. With words, like left jabs, about things that each of us knew to be fact ... and be damned if our facts differed, we were going to burn them into each other because each of us knew we were right.

Although in many of those long-forgotten debates, the fact was neither of us was right. The true answers were far right and left of ours. But we would never admit that. Clarke always stuck to his convictions, a trait I admired in him and a trait which nurtured him during his long, arduous trial with his illness. Oh, goodbye Clarke.

As I sat there the family entered and took their rightful place down front in those reserved pews. Passing by the framed pictures of Clarke and his family, each looked at them and I saw the pride, I saw the love they

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On the cover: *Given the cold temperatures of late, this appropriately-named boat docked at Old Landing in Marion might come in handy to maneuver through Sippican Harbor. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover insert: *Storyteller Len Cabral will enlighten and entertain on Sunday, February 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the cafeteria of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School in Mattapoisett. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 12. To make reservations, please call 748-9792. The event will benefit the area's non-profit SouthCoast Learning Network.*

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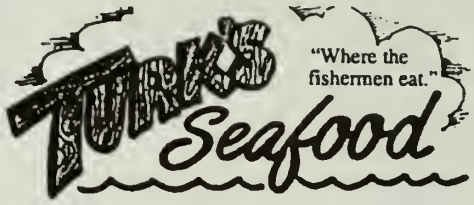

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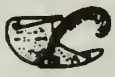

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had for this man, the family man, the electrical engineer who engineered his life like a fine Swiss watch. He instilled in his children Hoyt and Lois the meaning of life, to live it to the fullest, to be ready to take on all challenges, to tackle the unknown without fear, sometimes teaching that meaning with the threat of fear itself. Those traits taught were the traits he himself lived, especially so these last years. Oh, goodbye Clarke.

I look up to the pulpit where Hoyt, speaking in a confident, vibrant voice, telling of his Dad and what he meant to him and his sister Lois. Those humorous anecdotes were the Clarke I knew ... we all knew. Oh, goodbye Clarke.

Sister Barbara, looking so much like Clarke, speaking about her brother, the obvious closeness between them prevalent, sometimes humorous also, but neverless so much told with few words ... the meaning was there for all to see. Oh, goodbye Clarke.

Brother-in-Law speaking now, an outsider but the love was there, too. A love that was freely given, not the family obligation but of friendship, just plain and simple friendship. His words will live on with the memories that Clarke gave him. Oh, goodbye Clarke.

The good Reverend speaking now, asking us to pray — we do. His words are meaningful in the righteous way, but I hear the words unsaid by the friends and family present. All of us touched by this man Clarke in some way. I hear them all, I hear them saying silently: Oh,

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goodbye Clarke.

I glance over and see the widow, Sue. In her silence I hear her and I feel her loss as only one who has lost those close to us can feel. The inspiration for Clarke in the engineered structure of his life, she has not spoken but I hear her. I hear her silently saying: Oh, goodbye Clarke.

The service is over, I skip out quickly, the family knows my love for this man. I don't have to run the gauntlet of the receiving line. My mind and thoughts are filled with the memory of this man I came to know, this man I called my friend. I will cherish those memories and his friendship forever. As I walk to my car, with misty eyes, I hear myself silently saying "Oh, goodbye Clarke ... oh, goodbye Clarke ... I will miss you, my friend."

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 23, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert E. Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and

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After signing treasury warrants #33A, 34, and 35 for the week and unanimously approving a Class I license for boat sales issued to Burr Brothers Boatyard, Inc., the board met with Carleton Burr Jr., Luke Lomeland, and George A. Jennings to discuss the Marine Resource Commission's (MRC) proposed schedule of increased harbor fees. The fee changes would include:

- Personal Mooring (No. 713) - increase from $25 to $50 per year;
- Personal Non-Resident (No. 102) - increase from $80 to $125 per year;
- Commercial (No. 316) - increase from $80 to $125 per year;
- Commercial Non-Resident (No. 23) - increase from $80 to $175 per year.

These hikes would add an estimated $42,000 to harbor receipts (from $188,000 to $230,000) to cover additional staffing needs and make the harbor self-supporting.

Harbormaster George Jennings noted that the fees have not been increased since 1990, and they were based on salaries from nine years ago. Over the years since, they've increased services (like free towing and pump outs) and have added the Shellfish Officer position. The MRC would also like to add an Assistant Harbormaster's position, so the Harbormaster won't have to work a 70-hour week.

"We think the fees are fair," said Mr. Jennings. "We did a study of six area communities and we're right in the middle. No one likes to increase fees — no one likes to propose it. But if we're going to continue to provide the same services, the people who benefit are the people who should pay."

An additional $42,000 would be used to hire an Assistant Harbormaster for 40 weeks of the year. "We can't justify hiring someone for December, January and February," Mr. Jennings said. "That would give us about a $10,000 surplus ... which would be used for miscellaneous expenses."

When asked about the surplus "cushion," Luke Lomeland explained that they wanted to be able to set the rates for a few years. "We discussed raising the fees just to cover the costs, but we're hoping this will carry us for the next five years," he said.

The board agreed to take this matter under advisement, and said

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they would vote on March 9 to allow residents an opportunity for public comment on the proposed fee increase.

At 7:15 pm the board met with representatives from the engineering firm of Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM) to reacquaint themselves with their past work for the Town of Marion and, hopefully, continue in that capacity. Last week the board met with Robert Mackie and Michael Grille of the BETA Engineering firm. Mr. Mackie formerly worked for the town on behalf of CDM.

"We've been doing work with the Town of Marion for the past 30 years," said CDM Senior Vice President Stephen Hickox. He added that his company's "proven track record with Marion and ... overall knowledge of state standards and (their) national reputation" gave them a unique advantage in continuing to serve the town in this capacity.

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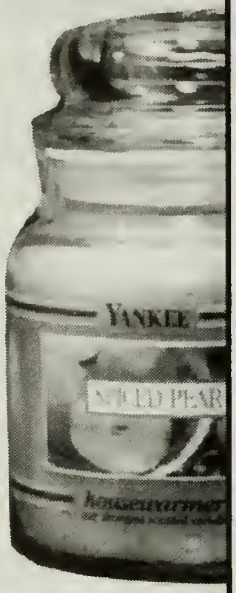

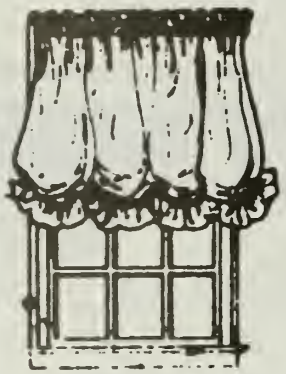

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After discussing some specific details of Marion's current work on their Wastewater Treatment Facility, the board thanked the representatives from CDM for meeting with them.

At 8:00 pm the board met with Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Rob Zora to discuss his impressions of the Government Study conducted for the town by UMass Dartmouth and its recommendations for the DPW. Mr. Zora said he's reviewed the study a few times, and he'd like to focus on recommendation #5, which suggests the DPW set up a Division of Buildings and Grounds, a Division of Water and Sewer, and a Division of Streets and Highways.

"First of all, we already have a Division of Water and Sewer in place," Mr. Zora said. "In terms of Streets and Highways, it should be Streets only ... the Highways in Marion are taken care of by the state. The Grounds should be kept under the Division of Streets ... but we definitely need a Division of Buildings. We've been trying to get a part-time person on board for building maintenance ... but it hasn't passed on an override."

Mr. Zora suggested they dispense with hiring a foreman for this division and simply start small by hiring one person and adding personnel as needed. "Add one person to assess the buildings in Marion and decide who is responsible for each," he said. "This way everyone has a little piece of the pie. We have a lot of buildings in town ... we need to have an assessment of the facilities."

Mr. Zora said it was important to decide what changes are going to be made in the short term so that he could plan his budget for the upcoming Town Meeting. "There are a lot of changes suggested here," he said. "Does the board foresee making any changes this year? I'm looking for a time frame. If we wait too long, (the study) will fall through the cracks."

Both the board and Finance Committee (FinCom) member Lee Hayes agreed that taking an inventory of the 23 town-owned buildings (not including the school) was the first step that needed to be done. Once that was accomplished, both maintenance responsibility and an estimated budget could be assigned to each.

Mr. Pickles then proposed that the Rules and Regulations for the Use of the Marion Transfer Station (effective January 1, 1999) be amended to included the following:

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Mr. Pickles explained that there have been some problems with a resident from Marion, a resident from Carver, and a resident from Wareham in this regard. Only Rochester residents have "behaved impeccably," according to Mr. Pickles. "There's no reason for people behaving abusively to workers at the transfer station," he said. The board unanimously voted to adopt the amendment as proposed.

In other matters, the board:

• Agreed to schedule a joint meeting with the Finance Committee at the request of Lee Hayes on March 16 to discuss Marion's financial future. All residents are encouraged to attend. "In recent years, things have been going along without too much out of the ordinary," Chairman Winters said. "That's going to change."

• Agreed to hold the appointment of Eunice Manduca as the town's representative to the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee until after March 16 so interested candidates might have a chance to take out nomination papers for the position.

• Cited receipt of the 1999 Herring Schedule which was voted at the Annual Tri-Town Herring Meeting held on January 28 in Mattapoisett. The schedule is as follows: River Run ($15/bushel); Mixed Fish ($2/dozen); Select Fish ($3/dozen); Roe ($3/pint); Cut Fish ($5/bushel); Live Bait Fish ($3/dozen); Commercial (limit 2 bushels per week); and Family (limit 1 bushel per week). Fishing is allowed on Saturday only from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

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February 22, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 22, 1999 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Executive Secretary James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the January 25, February 1, and February 8 meetings, the board met with Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon and Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge for an update on the

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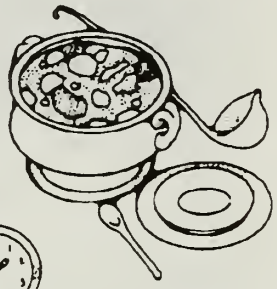

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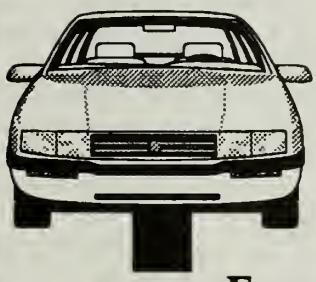

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Mary's Pond Beach Committee project. Ms. Farinon explained that as an ad hoc committee appointed by the Selectmen, they wanted to give the board a status report before advancing to the next step in the project.

Ms. Farinon showed the board a proposed design plan as to the location of a bathing beach, parking area, and boat ramp to gain access to the pond. After conducting a wildlife habitat evaluation of the site, it was determined that Mary's Pond supports certain species of plants which are globally restrictive. As such, they are limited as to where the grading for the bathing beach can be done.

"Some of the rare species (of plants) we're concerned about can only be identified in April and August," Ms. Farinon said. "So we're on hold until we can determine (the species). Until then, the committee would like to construct a parking area and benches so the space can be used as a picnic area until the beach is opened."

"The problem we're having is the beach is getting smaller and smaller," Mr. Eldridge agreed. "The beach will definitely have to be put on hold until August. But if we can put in a parking lot and boat ramp, people can use (the area) this spring and summer."

The board members were concerned with both the town's liability in having people swim in the pond regardless of its official status as a beach, and the potential for having a bathing beach there at all with these latest restrictions.

"Is it still realistic that a beach could be located

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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mattapoisett qualified to vote in town elections and in town affairs to meet at Old Rochester Regional High School, located at 135 Marion Road, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next at seven-thirty o-clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: STABILIZATION FUND To see if the town will vote, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, § 5-B, to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund of the town, the money to be provided from available funds, or take any other action relating thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF $135,500 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 2: RESERVE FUND: To see if the town will vote, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, § 6, to appropriate a sum of money to the Reserve Fund of the town, the money to be provided from available funds, or take any other action relating thereto

FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF $10,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 3: UNPAID BILLS FROM FISCAL YEAR 1998: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay the following unpaid bills of the town from FY 1998 for services and goods provided to the town in FY 1998

DEPT ITEM #	TITLE	AMOUNT
299-84 Natural Resources	Expenses Southcoast Hospital Group	$ 307 50
300-86 Elementary Schools	Wages & Expenses Woodwind & Brasswind	$ 39 95

the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any other action relating thereto

FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF $347.55 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 4: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money as listed below and identified by budget line item number, to defray expenses of the town, which sums are supplemental to money previously appropriated by the town for the FY 99 general operating budget under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1998

DEPT ITEM #	TITLE	AMOUNT
145-25 Treasurer/Collector	Clerical	$ 7,800.00
220-54 Fire Department	Salaries/Wages	$10,778 00
220-56 Fire Department	Expenses	$ 3,000 00
210-52 Police Department	Expenses	$ 7,500.00
221-59 Fire Alarm Systems	Expenses	$ 1,200 00
450-148 Water Department	Wages-other	$ 8,291 66

DEPT. ITEM #	TITLE	AMOUNT
451-106 Hydrant Rental	Expenses	$ 480.00
511-110 Board of Health	Salary-Health Agent	$ 1,128 00
511-112 Board of Health	Expenses	$ 7,500.00
544-121 Veterans Benefits	Expenses	$ 6,000 00
913-137 Unemployment Comp	Expenses	$ 1,570 00

the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any other action relating thereto

FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF $58,247.66 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 5: ABOVE GROUND FUEL STORAGE: To see if the town will vote an additional sum of money to defray the costs of the installation of an 8,000 gallon above ground fuel tank system and all costs associated therewith, said sum to be added to monies voted under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1998, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any action relating thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF $2,500 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 6: TRI-TOWN RIVER COMMITTEE: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be spent in conjunction with monies to be appropriated by Marion and Rochester to preserve, protect and improve the Mattapoisett River and the herring run in the river from Snipatuit Pond in Rochester to Mattapoisett Harbor, as directed by the Tri-Town River Committee, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds or take any action relating thereto

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF $400 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 7: WEB SITE & EMAIL: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to establish a controlled internet access for town business and to maintain a web site for the Town of Mattapoisett, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any action relating thereto.

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($5,000)
RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 8: FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide for review and update of the 1993 feasibility study for additions, renovations and/or new construction at Center School and/or Old Hammondtown School and/or a new site, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any action relating thereto

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

($10,000)
RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 9: CENTER SCHOOL RENOVATION: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the costs of schematic architectural plans for the renovation and expansion of Center School These plans are for the purpose of presenting to the Department of education s School Building Assistance Bureau to establish the availability of State reimbursement for this project, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any other action related thereto

PETITION

($50,000)
RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 10: CENTER SCHOOL RENOVATION COMMITTEE: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Center School Renovation Committee of seven (7), to be composed of one (1) member of the

Board of Selectmen, one (1) member of the Mattapoisett School Committee, four (4) signatories from the Center School Renovation petition and one (1) person recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, or take any other action relating thereto.

PETITION

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REFERS THIS ARTICLE TO THE PETITIONER.

ARTICLE 11: SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray unforeseen expenses for school bus transportation and an out-of-district special needs placement, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any action relating thereto.

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

($19,911)
RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 12: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 5 of Article X of the General By-Laws of the Town of Mattapoisett by amending the second clause in the first sentence of said Section 5 to read:

"provided, however that it shall be permissible for any person to lawfully consume alcoholic beverage within the confines of Veteran s Park and Ship Yard Park with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen.", or take any other action relating thereto

PETITION

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REFERS THIS ARTICLE TO THE PETITIONER.

ARTICLE 13: TENNIS COURT RENOVATIONS: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the costs of renovating and repairing the tennis courts on Hammond Street, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any other action related thereto

PETITION

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there?" asked Selectman Parker.

"It might not be feasible," Ms. Farinon said. "We're looking at cutting back on the beach area."

"At this point I'm not comfortable with putting anything there until we've resolved the access issue," Selectman Ryan said. "There's a campground there ... so how do you restrict those people from using the beach without increasing (the town's) liability? I'm all for doing something there, but I want it clean. If you put in a boat ramp and picnic tables, you're inviting people to use the pond."

"It doesn't sound like we're going to have an evaluation of what we want until July," Chairman Cutler said. "So we're looking at another summer without a beach facility. I think people are going to go down there and use the (pond) anyway, so I'm in favor of moving forward with the project."

The board also wanted clarification as to the town's pending agreement with the state Division of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide a boat ramp for access to the pond. The matter was currently being considered by Town Counsel, and if the town were not required to provide a boat ramp it could change the whole scope of the project.

"There's a couple of things that concern me," Selectman Ryan said. "Our townspeople have wanted a (beach) of their own for years. Now you're plunking the rest of the world in the middle of this area. You're not going to be able to stop (non-residents) from using the

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pond. I want this area, I want it for the townspeople, I'm just not willing to spend money foolishly on it. If we could wait another two weeks and resolve the (boat ramp and public access) issue, I would feel better about moving ahead."

With that, the board agreed to postpone a decision on the project for two weeks to allow for resolution of these matters.

At 7:30 pm the board met once again with Laurell J. Farinon along with Susan Adams and Norene Hartley to discuss possible land acquisition and the preservation of the rural character of the town center. "One of the things that comes up time and time again is preserving the town center," Ms. Farinon said. "We know (much of)

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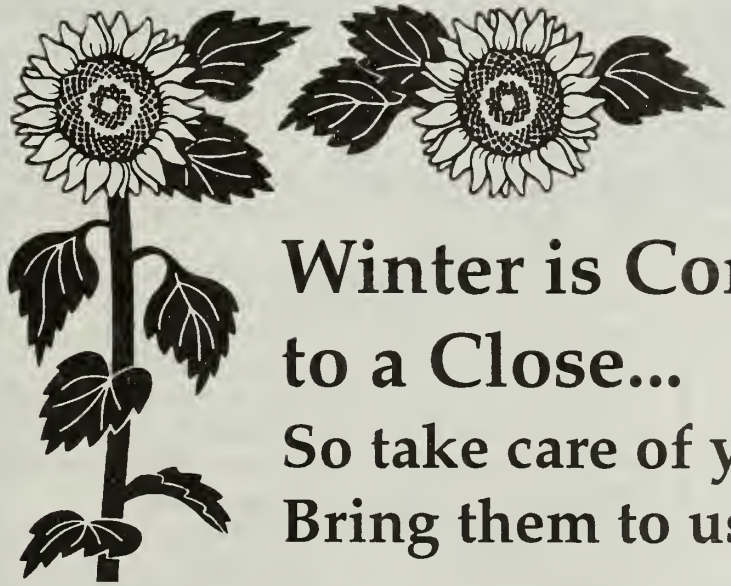

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the property is privately-owned, so we can't really dictate what people do with their property. But we're hoping to discuss a strategy for future planning."

The group suggested the Board of Selectmen start the ball rolling by talking to the land owners and asking them to come to the town before selling or developing their property. This might encourage property owners to give the town right of first refusal in purchasing prime real estate in the town center.

Although the board members were behind the idea of retaining the rural character of the town center, they were reluctant to take up this time-consuming task. "It's tricky, because from my point of view having too many irons in the fire isn't a good thing," Chairman Cutler said. "Right now we're working on a significant amount of open space behind Memorial School. From personal experience in dealing with one land owner in the center of town, it is an extremely time-consuming and involved process ... I don't think we can devote much time to it."

"I think all three of us support maintaining the character of the town ... but what do you need us to do?" asked Selectman Ryan.

Ms. Adams said they hoped the board would be able to organize an effort to make this a priority for the town. "What we're trying to do is to focus on the need," she said. "To me, it's vital. We can have all the preservation of historic buildings we want, but we could be faced one morning with something we have no control

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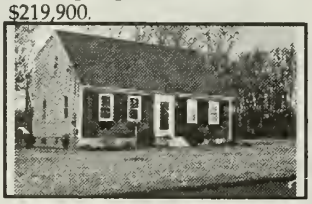

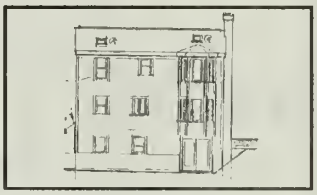

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over."

The discussion reemphasized the need for a Town Planner who could deal specifically with this issue. The board agreed to move forward with that measure by voting to establish a part-time, 20-hour-per-week position for Town Planner later that evening.

At 8:00 pm the board met with members of the Public Safety Building Committee to discuss their recommendations. Committee Chairman Jack Ayers said they focused on three areas — facilities, land, and financing — in making their decision. As such, they recommend the Public Safety Building be located on the town-owned Dexter Lane site and estimate the final cost to be about $1.5 million for a 4,400 square-foot facility.

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Chairman Cutler had reservations about that final estimate, however. "I need to see a cost breakdown," he said. "The equipment costs (for police and communications) should be included in the 'soft costs' ... totalling $1.2 million."

Both the committee and the board agreed that there should be two articles on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant for the project — one solely for the design and engineering costs, the other for the entire project. This way, if voters didn't approve the whole package, they could at least move forward with the design and planning phase.

"In my personal opinion, it looks like we could do this (project) with a 20-year bond and not go for a Proposition 2 1/2 override," said Finance Committee Chairman Mike Costa. "But we need to come up with a detailed budget for the project."

"Town Meeting is not going to approve this project without a breakdown (of costs)," agreed Selectman Ryan. "They are not going to buy a pig in a poke."

"If people don't get hard answers, they're not going to feel comfortable spending their money," said Selectman Parker.

In other matters, the board:

• Announced the SouthCoast emPOWERment group will be signing their multi-town compact agreement on Saturday, March 6 at 1:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall. Representatives of the eight communities are

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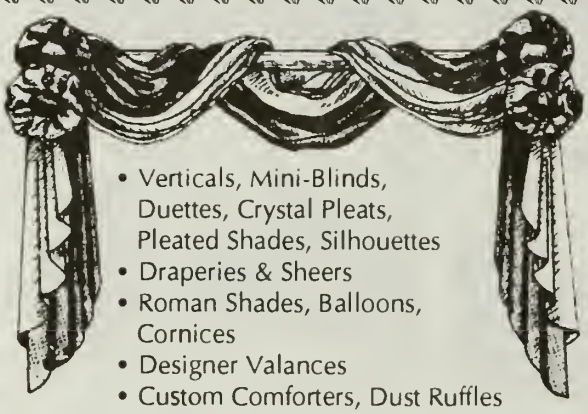

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• Asked Police Chief Walter Denham to meet with them to provide a previously-requested schedule of work shifts and also to report on the recent Sergeant's Exam recently administered at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

• Received a payment from SEMASS in lieu of taxes in the amount of $206,634 representing 92,849 tons of refuse collected during the month of January.

• Noted the Sippican Pomona #31 Grange will hold a Legislative Night on Saturday, March 6.

• Announced a Retirement Party for former ORR School District Assistant Superintendent Andy Santos would be held on Sunday, February 28 from 4:30 to 10:00 pm at Independence Harbor. Both Selectman Ryan and Selectman Parker planned to attend and present Mr. Santos with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the town.

• Voted to send a memo to the Rochester Police Brotherhood to remind them that they should notify the board whenever they plan to solicit donations from residents. Chairman Cutler said he received calls last week and was not aware of the fund-raising effort.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to recess at 8:50 pm until an Executive Session on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm to discuss contract negotiations.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Marion Fire Fighters Association wishes to extend a sincere "thank you" to all the people who attended our February 13 Spaghetti Supper. It was a great success. All proceeds from the supper are to benefit the Fire Association Scholarship Fund.

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We also wish to thank all the area merchants who provided us with raffle prizes and/or advertisement. Thank you for your support!
Marion Fire Fighters Association

To the Editor:

To the voters of Mattapoisett: On March 9 there will be a Special Town Meeting and the undersigned will be petitioning the town for funds to repair two of the town tennis courts on Hammond Street at the Center School. The town Recreation Committee supports this petition.

All four tennis courts at the school are in deplorable shape. When these courts were in playable condition, they were highly used.

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Sincerely,
Patricia Arnold, Robert Brown, Carleton Burr, Bob Hohne, Pat Leclair, Linda Smith, and Marjorie Grinnan
Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association

To the Editor:

Having moved to this area four years ago, there is no doubt in my mind that New Bedford and the surrounding region have a bright future. It has resources — human, natural, cultural, and economic — that are already producing impressive results and have the potential to do even more. In addition to the many promising initiatives already underway, we need to continue to think of what else we should be doing. For example, why not a small museum devoted exclusively to Herman Melville? Why not a museum capturing the history, and addressing the future, of New England fishing? (Plymouth, after all, has a museum on the history of the cranberry industry.)

If you have ideas about our future or if you want to help turn ideas into reality, all you need to do is get involved. Volunteer at your local school, library or church. Join a non-profit organization. You might also want to consider joining an organization called the Regional Community Congress. The RCC is a group of private citizens who are volunteering their time to develop ideas and address issues facing our region. They can be reached at 999-5231.
Sincerely,
David M. Prentiss
Marion

To the Editor:

I am a widow who recently became the resident of elderly housing here in Mattapoisett. Needless to say, I had apprehensions about leaving my single-family homestead and losing some of my independence. When you can no longer handle a home by yourself, due to finances or health reasons, reality sets in and you understand the move is for the best.

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everyone involved here at elderly housing. Most of all I would like to publicly acknowledge FISH, a group of volunteers who transport the elderly, free-of-charge, to and from a doctor's office or medical facility. They are the kindest, most courteous, caring and concerned group of people that I have ever met.

Since considerations of any kind are unacceptable by them, a public great big THANK YOU is hereby in order.

Sincerely,
Eva M. Moniz
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

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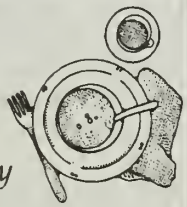

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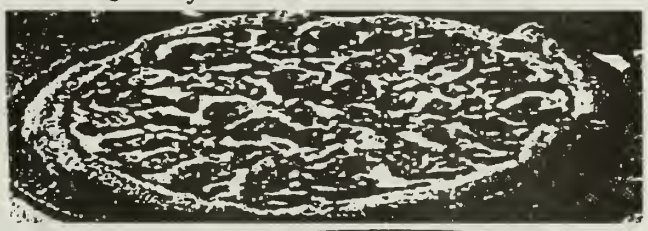

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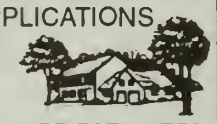

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the Planning Board is working on improving Marion's residential zoning. The sooner we are offered better residential zoning to vote for at Town Meeting, the better. We are getting too overcrowded in our little town and the potential for really massive growth in the future lurks on the horizon under our current zoning.

Our residential lot sizes are too small all over town. These small lots eventually lead to pollution in our harbor and streams. Our quality of life and the pure waters we love to swim, fish and sail in are in danger. My heartfelt thanks to the Planning Board for finally addressing this issue, and here's to a menu of good zoning changes at Town Meeting.

Sincerely,
Annie Rockwell
Marion

To the Editor:

On behalf of the seniors who received lovely Valentine's at their luncheon at Village Court on Valentine's Day, Coastline Elderly Services wishes to thank the students of Old Hammondtown School and their instructor, Ms. Cogliano. Their work was creative and beautifully-made. Our sincere thanks for caring to make it a special occasion.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Pursley, President
Coastline Elderly Services, Inc.

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Sign ups for the Little League and Minor League (Grades 3 to 6) will be held in the Old Hammondtown School Cafeteria on Thursday, March 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact John Haley at 758-4587.

Marion Art Center

Call for Artists

The Exhibition Committee of the Marion Art Center will meet on Wednesday, March 3 at 4:00 pm to review work for shows in 1999 and 2000. Artists wishing to be considered should submit 15 to 20 slides or 5 to 6 original pieces. A price list and current resume should be attached to the work. All pieces must have been done in the last three years and must not have been shown at the Art Center before. For further information, please call the Marion Art Center at 748-1266.

Children's Theater

The Children's Musical Theater will begin on February 27 after school vacation with Grades 1 to 4 meeting on Saturday from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and Grades 5 to 7 meeting from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Bonnie Breault will be the instructor and the course runs from February 27 to May 22, with a Disney Revue production on May 22. The fee for the twelve-week session is $110 for MAC members and $135 for non-members.

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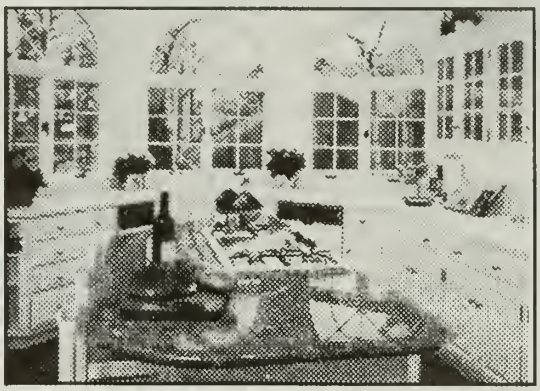

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Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Advisory Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 beginning at 3:30 pm at the Sippican School Library in Marion. The council will hear about the variety of activities offered through Community Partnerships for Children. Reports on parent education and professional development activities will be presented. The public relations subcommittee will outline plans for the Week of the Young Child celebration and the Third Annual Early Childhood Fair scheduled for April 13. A proposed by-law change will be presented. The council addresses issues related to young children and their families. Any area resident is welcome to attend. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Advisory office at 748-1863.

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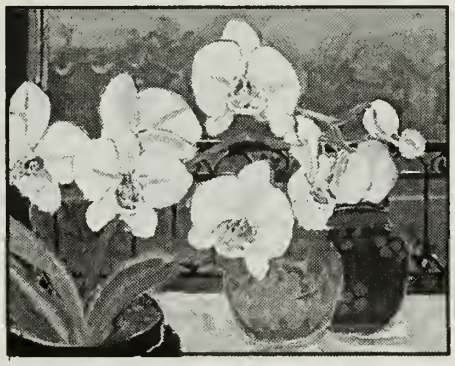

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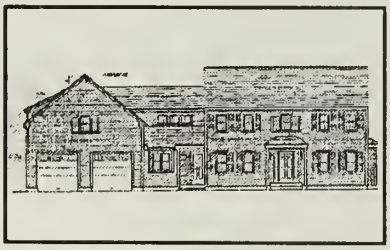

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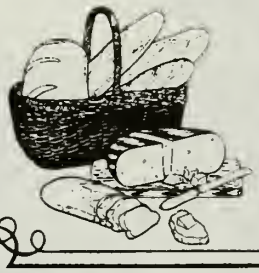

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The instrumental concert featuring the concert bands from all the elementary schools, the junior high school, and the high school will be presented on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 pm. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors, with a "family" ticket for $12 also available. The purchase of a ticket for the instrumental concert can also be used for admission to the choral concert, again featuring the choral groups from all of the regional district schools, which will be presented on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm. The proceeds from the concerts benefit the scholarship fund for FORM.

Mattapoisett Seniors Club

The Mattapoisett Seniors Club is meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 1:30 pm. Come join them for fun and refreshments. Manny Freitas will be doing his magic act and all seniors are welcome. Directors will meet at 1:00 pm.

Driving Program for Seniors

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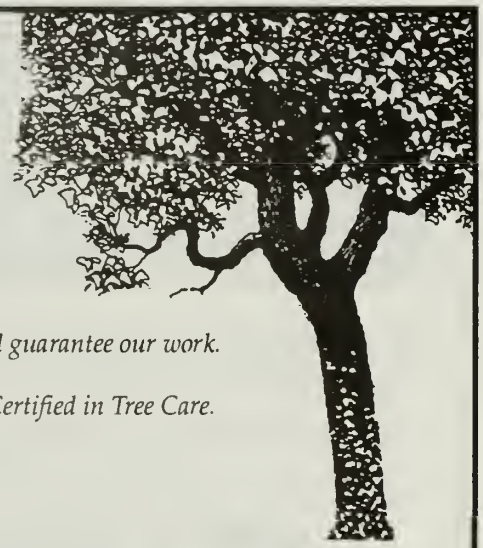

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Hostesses Lorraine Carr and Jean Boyden along with their tea committee will prepare a fine luncheon for members and guests.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Arthur Bennett will present a program featuring the history and restoration of the Paul Revere Sign on Route 195 in New Bedford. This topic will be of great interest to many area women. All area women are welcome to attend this meeting as guests or prospective members. For further information, please contact Judy at 748-9505.

Quit Smoking Program

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Census Forms

Please return your 1999 Census Forms ASAP. Make any necessary corrections to your census form and return it by mail, fax (758-3030), phone (758-4103), in person, or by leaving it in the mail slot in the front of the Mattapoisett Town Hall. At the same time you may order your 1999 dog license using the form included with the census mailing.

Wharf, Skiff, Sticker, Mooring

Just a reminder that Wharf, Skiff, Sticker, or Mooring bills are due. The late fee of $25 per bill will be imposed beginning April 1.

Bereavement Program in Rochester

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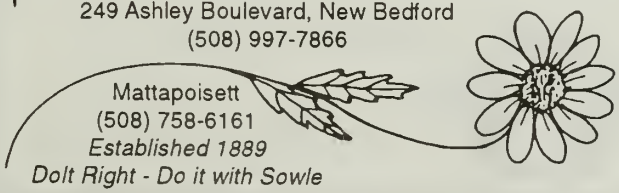

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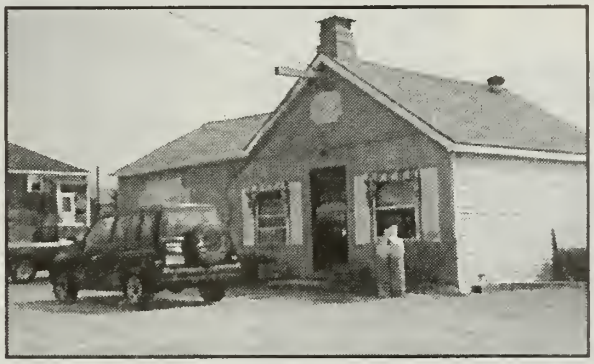

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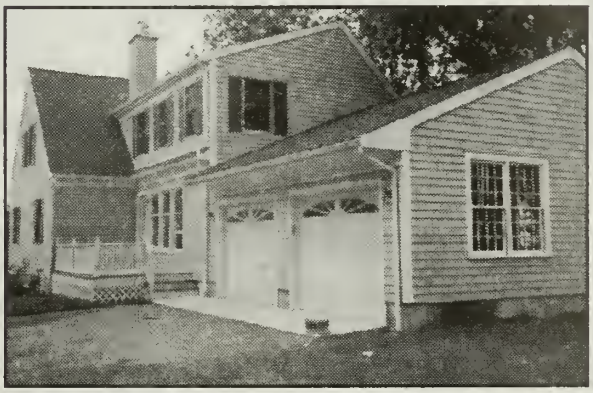

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Mattapoisett Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold its first Bean Supper of the new year on Saturday, March 13 at 5:00 pm at Post Headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets are available by calling John N. DeCosta at 758-2310 or from any other Legion member. Please come and support your local veterans' organization.

Marion Foundation Lecture

The Marion Foundation is presenting a Friday evening lecture and Saturday workshop given by Michael T. Murray, ND, one of the world's leading authorities on natural medicine. He has written widely on the topic, in particular, his *Encyclopedia of Natural Medicine*, and as a

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His lectures will cover such topics as contrasting conventional and natural medicine, the four cornerstones of good health, life extension: a natural approach, and natural alternatives for common conditions. The Friday lecture will take place on March 19 from 7:15 to 9:15 pm at Tabor Academy's Center for the Performing Arts on Front Street in Marion. Saturday's workshop will take place on March 20 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Music Hall on Front Street in the village. The cost for both will be $175 for members or $195 for non-members, pre-paid registration; or the lecture alone is $15 for members and $18 for non-members. Please call the Marion Foundation at 748-0816 for information or to register.

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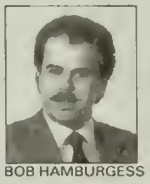
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The call goes out to local artists to submit entries for the show. Two entries per person of original art works will be considered. Flyers and entry forms will be available at various local art galleries and art associations after April 1. Deadline for entries is June 25. For further information, please call 758-2844.

Project Assistance

The Mattapoisett Historical Society has two major projects in the works and is looking for people interested in assisting. Membership in the Historical Society is not a requirement for volunteering.

This summer, the major exhibit at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House will focus on the history of the Wampanoag of our area. They are looking for people who have knowledge in this area, have artifacts, or are interested in helping put together a meaningful exhibit.

The other project for which they are seeking help relates to personal memories of earlier days in Mattapoisett. They are anxious to document as many stories from your memories as well as those which may have been passed down from relatives. At the time of the bicentennial, Bea Johnson and a group taped conversations with many of the Senior Citizens of the 70's and the Society wants to continue that project in order to

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Tobey Hospital Guild

The next regular meeting of the Tobey Hospital Guild will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on February 25 at 1:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Kathleen Silva of Corporate Health Services, who will speak on keeping healthy. Just a reminder: fresh flowers are now available at the Gift Shop.

Memorial School Registration

Rochester Memorial School Kindergarten Registration will take place the week of March 15. A Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm. All children entering Kindergarten must be five years old by December 31 of this year in order to be eligible. Please call 763-2049 for more information.

Mattapoisett's Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its March meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Raymond Patch. Ray will speak on peace efforts in Northern Ireland. This past summer Ray and his wife traveled to Ireland and worked on a project with both Catholic and Protestant children. The goal was to help the children learn to play and live together. The presentation promises to be most informative.

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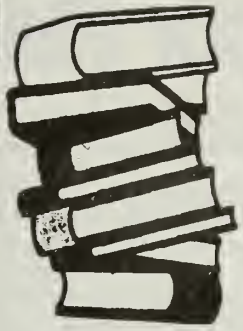
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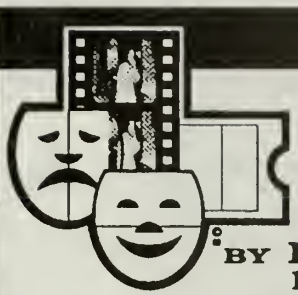

Labor Pains

BY ROB GONSALVES
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■ ***Office Space.* Starring Ron Livingston and Jennifer Aniston. Directed by Mike Judge. Running time: 90 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.**

Mike Judge has sort of snuck in the back door and become America's premier satirist. Since the humble beginnings of "Frog Baseball," in which a prototypical Beavis and Butt-Head set the stage for the later exploits of the *South Park* gang, Judge has taken on MTV (on B&B's show), road movies (in B&B's movie), Texan stereotypes (in *King of the Hill*), and now, in *Office Space*, the fertile soil of the cubicle world. Is Judge's timing shrewd or bad? *Dilbert*, both in the funnies and now on TV, has covered much of the same ground, as has *The Drew Carey Show*, which has long been considered a kind of unofficial live-action *Dilbert*.

So what's left for Judge to puncture? A lot, as it happens. Like the best satire, *Office Space* is only marginally about its surface subject. The outrages here are exaggerated, but just slightly. Who hasn't worked for a boss like Bill Lumbergh (Gary Cole — finally, Satan as Mike Brady), a Valium-smooth weasel who squashes the dignity of his underlings without ever seeming unreasonable? Or a boss who insists that you display the proper company spirit by wearing clownish buttons that weigh you down like chain mail? You don't have to do time in a cubicle to run across gung-ho goblins like these; they're everywhere. Where do they come from? Are they born that way, or does moral imbecility come with a degree in management?

For Peter Gibbons (Ron Livingston), the problem isn't just Bill Lumbergh. It's everything about his job — the pointless meetings, the senseless policies, the meaningless tasks. Peter is supposed to be working on Y2K-compatible software, an honorable goal, but the corporate mentality could drain the pride out of giving candy to orphans. Peter thinks he's sick of his life, but he's really just sick of the office (which has taken over his life). His reawakening comes, ironically, when he's in deep sleep: a botched hypnotherapy session leaves him fearless and impulsive — he becomes the Bulworth of the cubicles, and his sudden yeah-whatever attitude has the opposite effect of pushing him further up the ranks. (It's a bit like what happened to George Costanza when he decided to do everything "opposite.")

Together with his fellow cubicle-prisoners Samir (Ajay Naidu) and Michael Bolton (David Herman) — "It's just a coincidence," Michael has muttered about six million times since the mid-'80s — Peter devises a hacking scam to steal some of the company's money. Without pushing it too much, or necessarily justifying theft from a million-dollar corporation, Judge suggests that when intelligent people spend too much time in the corporate pool (which esteems money above all else), they may adopt the ethics of sharks. Looking around the office, you realize that *everyone* except the managers is there for the money (the managers are in it for the power). Job security — being able to pay the bills — has become not a basic obligation but the sole meaning of life.

All of which sounds a little too hefty for a Mike Judge comedy, so let it be said that *Office Space*, while planting all these thoughts in your head, is also consistently funny. Jennifer Aniston basically functions as the movie's "girl" — Peter's love interest — but her character's waitressing job allows for a few terrific digs at public-service jobs, in which the employer's policies have precious little to do with the customer's essential needs. Ron Livingston is a little bland by design — he's the movie's Hank Hill, the straight man for such off-the-wall characters as the cringing Milton (Stephen Root, as hilariously servile here as he is hilariously domineering on TV's *NewsRadio*) or the movie's Boomhauer stand-in, Lawrence (Diedrich Bader), a construction worker who seems a whole lot happier than his next-door neighbor Peter. For Peter, Lawrence represents a different way of life and work, and that's the difference between this movie and *Dilbert* or *Drew Carey*: Those characters are trapped in their positions, but Judge points to a way out — or at least a more graceful way of reconciling one's job and one's life. Not bad for a guy who made his rep by splattering frogs.

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well as the speaker, it is requested that members arrange to stay for the full meeting which will adjourn by 8:00 pm. Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on March 1. Last-minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

The Fin, Fur and Feather Club invites the public to join the members at a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett. Donation is $6 per person. For tickets please call Walt Gajewski at 763-2706 or Gilly Costa at 763-5664; they will also be on sale at the door. The public is also welcome for trapshooting every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for $2.50 per round.

Concert Band Performance at UMass

On Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth, Our Lady of Light Band (Banda Nossa Senhora da Luz) of Fall River and the Tri-County Symphonic Band join forces to present an afternoon of traditional concert music. Tickets are available at The Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and The Bookstall in Marion, as well as from Our Lady of Light Band headquarters in Fall River. Tickets purchased at the outlets before the concert are $5 for adults, children and students are FREE. Tickets at the door will be $10 for adults.

Each of these concert bands is a tradition in its own right. Under the direction of Mr. George Dietzler, the Tri-County Symphonic Band is in its 37th concert season bringing music in the style of the American concert band made famous by conductors like John Philip Sousa and Edwin Franko Goldman.

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Monday, March 1 — Pork patty with gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, brownie.
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Wednesday, March 3 — American chop suey, cut green beans, scali bread, fruit in light syrup.
Thursday, March 4 — Cold roast beef, potato salad, cole slaw, hamburger roll, fresh fruit.
Friday, March 5 — Vegetable soup, bagel, French toast, warm fruit compote, jello.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 1 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket/roll, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 2 — Meatball sub, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 3 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken fillet/roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 4 — Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, March 5 — HALF DAY (Bagels and muffins served for snack.)

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, March 1 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, chicken patty sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, raspberry jello with topping.
Tuesday, March 2 — Spaghetti with sauce and grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, peanut butter brownie.
Wednesday, March 3 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, baked beans, potato wedges, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, March 4 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled peaches, blueberry pie.
Friday, March 5 — Cheesy macaroni twists, potato crunch fish nuggets, egg salad sub, mac rib sub, oven fries, broccoli, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 1 — Sausage pizza, turkey and lettuce wrap, baked pork chop and gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, raspberry jello with topping.
Tuesday, March 2 — Spaghetti with sauce and grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese sandwich, hot pastrami grinder, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, peanut butter brownie.
Wednesday, March 3 — Roast beef grinder, meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, chicken salad pocket, baked beans, potato wedges, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, March 4 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, glazed baked ham, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled peaches, blueberry pie.
Friday, March 5 — Cheesy macaroni twists, potato crunch fish nuggets, egg salad sub, lettuce/tomato/mozzarella wrap, oven fries, broccoli, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 1 — PORTUGUESE DAY: Linguiça patty sub, linguiça pizza, steak and cheese grinder, baked beans, potato wedges, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.
Tuesday, March 2 — MEXICAN DAY: Taco boat with all the fixings, double beef and cheese burrito, tortilla crunch fish nuggets, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, mixed fruit, Mexican pastry (churro).
Wednesday, March 3 — FRENCH DAY: French meat pie with gravy, ham and cheese croissant, shaved turkey croissant, au gratin potatoes, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, March 4 — CHINESE DAY: Chicken chow mein noodles, chicken nuggets with sauce, sweet and sour pork chop, steamed rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.
Friday, March 5 — ITALIAN DAY: Vegetable minestrone soup, Italian spice pizza, baked lasagna, antipasto, oven fries, chilled applesauce, blueberry pie.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 1 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket/roll, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 2 — Meatball sub, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 3 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken fillet/roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 4 — Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, March 5 — HALF DAY (Bagels and muffins served for snack.)

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 1 — Juice, cheeseburger, potato puffs, peas, marble cake.
Tuesday, March 2 — Soft taco with all the fixings, tortilla chips, corn, fruit, dessert.
Wednesday, March 3 — American chop suey, green beans, roll, cheese wedge, dessert.
Thursday, March 4 — Tomato macaroni soup, toasted ham and cheese, hash brown patty, carrots, chocolate chip cookie.
Friday, March 5 — Pizza, seafood salad roll, pretzels, veggie sticks, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 1 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket/roll, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 2 — Meatball sub, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 3 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken fillet/roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 4 — Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, March 5 — HALF DAY (Bagels and muffins served for snack.)

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 1 — Soup, meat loaf, pastrami with cheese on a bulky roll, chicken fritters, oven fries, pickle, carrot sticks, fruit, juice or milk.
Tuesday, March 2 — Soup, beef taco, Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, fruit, juice or milk.
Wednesday, March 3 — Soup, American chop suey, steak and cheese sub, green beans, garlic bread, pudding, fruit, juice or milk.
Thursday, March 4 — Soup, meatball sub, chicken burger, broccoli, fruit, juice or milk.
Friday, March 5 — HALF DAY (Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk served).

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 1 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket/roll, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 2 — Meatball sub, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 3 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken fillet/roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 4 — Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, March 5 — HALF DAY (Bagels and muffins served for snack.)

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The program selections cover a wide range of musical experience with Mr. Canito having chosen such numbers as Franz von Suppe's overture, "The Beautiful Galatea" plus Gustav Holst's "First Suite in E Flat" contrasted with Sousa's "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty" march and much more. Mr. Dietzler will conduct selections from Dillon Bustin's "Sailing Alone" as arranged for band by Gary Zwicky. This piece was specifically composed in honor of Joshua Slocum on the one-hundredth anniversary of his voyage around the world. In addition, the band will present Kenneth Alford's "H.M. Jollies March," Calvin Custer's overture on "Break Forth Thou Wondrous Heavenly Light," and, for contrast, selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" and much more. Both bands will join to play original march compositions by the two directors.

The concert is made possible in part by grants from local cultural councils in Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Acushnet, Marion, Carver, Rochester and Wareham, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Mark your calendars and get your

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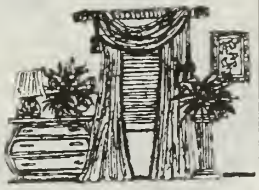
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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

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• Point Road – animal complaint
• County Road – suspicious activity
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Cedar Lane – larceny/past
• Front Street – adult arrest (disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, threat to commit a crime)
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Barnabas Road – animal complaint
• Water Street – larceny/past
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Ichabod Lane – officer wanted
• Spring Street – lost property
• Barros Drive – officer wanted
• Clifford Street – annoying phone calls
• Spinnaker Lane – officer wanted
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Quail's Crossing Road – sex offense/past
• Creek Road – fireworks complaint
• East Avenue – parking violation
• Benson Brook Road – suspicious activity.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 14 through February 20, 1999:

• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
• Abby Lane – suspicious sounds on TV
• County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Ocean View Avenue – damage to town property (person taking sand from the beach)
• Railroad Avenue – dead coyote in roadway
• Gosnold Street – suspicious phone call
• Randall Road – threats to kill
• County Road – returned property (license)
• Homestead Court – party requests assistance/nosebleed
• North Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Brandt Island Road – disturbance/kids in yard with BB guns
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – vandalism/property damage
• Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Route 195 West – illegal trash dumping
• County Road – returned property
• North Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Mendell Road – youths behind town barn
• Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant).

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 16 through February 22, 1999:

• New Bedford Road – animal complaint
• Snipatuit Road – animal complaint
• Burgess Avenue – animal complaint
• Snipatuit Road – possible domestic disturbance
• Snipatuit Road – adult arrest
• Mattapoisett Road – animal complaint
• Alley Road – suspicious activity
• Taber Lane – animal complaint
• Negus Way – animal complaint
• New Bedford Road – suspicious activity
• Mary's Pond Road – civil complaint
• Dexter's Lane – animal complaint
• Pine Street – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Outdoor World – animal complaint
• North Avenue – speeding complaint
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Mattapoisett Board of Assessors

The Mattapoisett Assessors office is beginning to work on the Fiscal Year 2000 Revaluation. The revaluation is based on sales that occurred in the calendar year 1998. Recently, the board mailed forms to commercial and industrial property owners and businesses. They appreciate your cooperation in completing the forms as the information assists the office in determining fair and accurate assessments.

The office will be conducting fieldwork Tuesday, March 2 through Friday, March 5. During these days the Assessor's Office will be open between 8:00 and 8:30 am and 3:30 to 4:00 pm. The office will also be open the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm for the regular Board of Assessors meeting.

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society will sing Gilbert and Sullivan's classic operetta, *HMS Pinafore,* in concert on two occasions during the last weekend of February. The first concert, on Saturday, February 27, will take place at the Marion Music Hall at 8:00 pm. The second concert, to be sung at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven, will take place the following day, Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 pm.

Soloists for the concert are all members of the chorus and include Bill Maxwell singing the part of Joseph Porter, KCB; Eileen Caron as Josephine; Bette Roberts as Buttercup; Ruth Rice as Cousin Hebe; Ken Almeida as Ralph; and Peter Kalmus as Captain Corcoran. Tom Herring will sing the part of the Carpenter.

Tickets for both concerts are $5 per person and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett, Margaret's Hallmark Card Shop in Wareham, and Fairhaven One-Hour Photo (located on Route 6 near the bridge to New Bedford). Chorus members also have tickets for sale.

While these concerts are usually sold out, there may be a few tickets available at the door on the day of

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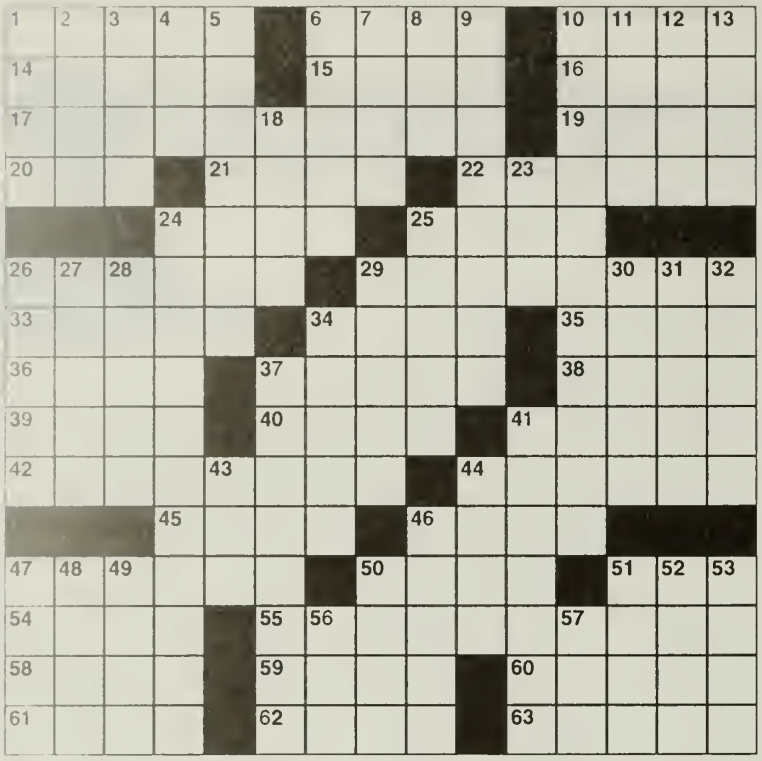

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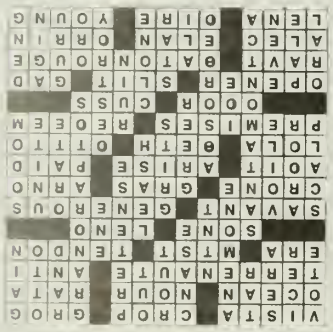

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Your money is all locked away in a safe place, hopefully, because you're going to want to get at it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Go along with a partner's whim, especially if it has anything to do with your home, family or a household item.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Take care at work. If you don't pay attention to what's going on around you, you could smash right into a brick wall.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). There's a nice big grand trine in water signs. When this happens, you get very lucky. This time you're lucky in love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're stuck with a problem at home, maybe what you're missing is advice from a person who's job it is to save money, or bring it in.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you don't get anything else done except setting up your schedule for the following month, you'll be money ahead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money is your focus and you might as well get aggressive about it. Looks like you have plenty of work to do, but are you being paid what you're worth?

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're looking good. The moon's in your sign, and that always gives you a little extra charisma.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Looks like a rather frustrating day for you. Something you're trying to accomplish is not getting through. Perhaps it's because you're not communicating effectively.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Looks like what you and your committee want is just not available. Apparently it'll take a little more planning and a few more fundraisers.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An older person is going to want to order you around. That's patently ridiculous, of course. You know everything, but this other person just wants the power.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). The moon is in Scorpio, which calms you down, and also gives you a little bit of an overview of the situation.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Your assignment for this year is to learn how to handle authority figures, how to respect and admire them, how to give them constructive criticism, and, finally, how to become one yourself.

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the concert. Please note, however, that seating at the Music Hall in Marion is limited, and you may wish to purchase tickets early to ensure a seat.

Now in its 35th season, the Sippican Choral Society is under the direction of Peter West, with Corinne Peck as accompanist. The group performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as lighter works from the musical theater.

This year the chorus will also be presenting a special free concert for children titled "It's a Disney Day!" on April 11, also in the Music Hall in Marion. For further information about these concerts, please call Peter McDonald at 295-7119.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a pubic hearing on the proposed Common Driveway By-law.

Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Copies of the proposed Common Driveway By-law are available in the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.
Janice M. Crook, Chairman 02/25, 03/04

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective February 9, 1999, Marion residents will be prohibited from obtaining Commercial Shellfish Permits in the Town of Mattapoisett.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF REQUEST TO AMMEND FINAL ORDER OF CONDITIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection is reviewing a request by Michael Ward to amend the final order of conditions for file number SE 44-145 allowing for a footprint size (smaller) and footprint placement charge.

Public comments should be directed to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office Wetlands Section, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. The deadline for comments is March 19, 1999.

Property is located on Meadowbrook Lane and is identified as Lot #35A on Mattapoisett Assessor Plat #14. 02/25

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 15, 1999, at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on proposed Zoning By-laws as follows:

A. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 Establishments of Districts of the Zoning By-laws of the by adding the following district at the end of section 4.1 Types:

"Telecommunication Facilities Overlay District," or take any action relating thereto.

Note: Section formerly numbered as section IV Establishment of Districts and A. Types.

B. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws by adding the following section:

"Article 10 Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District
10.1 Establishment of Dustrict
10.2 Purpose
10.3 Definition
10.4 General Requirements
10.5 Standards for Towers
10.6 Standards for Roof-Mounted, Side Mounted Structures
10.7 Requirements for Findings
10.8 Modification of Approved Facility
10.9 Abandonment or Discontinuation of Use"

or take any other action thereto.

Complete text and copies of the proposed Zoning By-laws are available in the Town Clerk's office during normal office hours.
Barry Perkins, Clerk
Mattapoisett Planning Board 2/25, 3/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
NOTICE
JOINT POLE LOCATION

The joint pole location hearing for Water Street that was sceduled for February 23, 1999 at 7:30pm in the Selectmen's Office has been postponed until March 2, 1999 at 7:00pm.

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March 10 - Creepy Crawly Things; March 17 - Top o' the Day; March 24 - Easter Eggs; April 7 - Mice Are Nice; April 14 - Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!; April 28 - Barking Dogs.

Internet Access

Patrons may access their children's homework assignments from the Ford Middle School on the Internet at one of the library's computers.

Zoo Passes

The Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet now has passes available for the Roger Williams Zoo. These passes are available year-round. Upon presentation of the library pass to the zoo cashier, any combination of four adults and/or children will pay only the discount rate for admission. The rate is $1.75 per child (3 to 12) and senior (62 and up), and $3 per adult.

Mattapoisett PTA Fund-Raisers

On Sunday, February 28, the Mattapoisett PTA has reserved the Carousel Skating Center, 4 David Brown Boulevard in Fairhaven, for an evening of roller skating fun for the families and friends of Center School and Old Hammondtown School. The rink will be exclusively used for the fund-raiser from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The admission fee of $1.50 per person will go directly to the Mattapoisett PTA to benefit their many programs. Skate rentals, if

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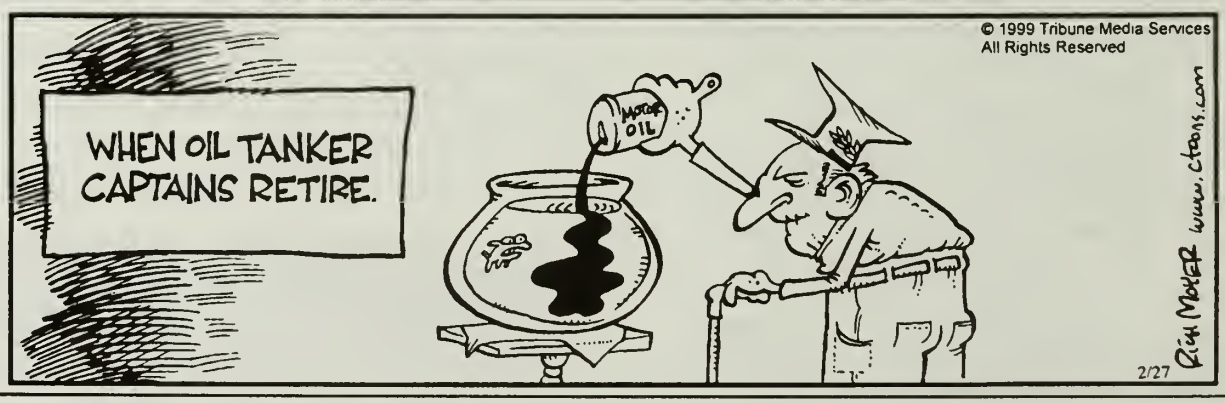

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Rochester Historical Survey

The Rochester Historical Commission spent most of 1998 on an exciting journey down memory lane into Rochester's past as they reviewed old newspaper clippings, photographs, and memoirs of Rochester's ancestors gathering historical data. A survey, including a narrative history, was received from the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. of Pawtucket, RI in August. The commission members corrected, copied, sorted, and organized the report, integrating old, updated records with the new. The resulting historical report was presented to the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in December and is available for public use. Binders for the report were supplied by the Rochester Historical Society.

Although the original purpose of the project was to provide the town with data to allow effective and consistent historic presentation planning, the commission invites all to join them on their journey into Rochester's past. The Rochester Historical Commission will continue to survey worthy historic properties, adding to the report as data is collected. They welcome any information or photographs others are willing to share. The

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Hypnotherapy for Smokers

The PACT Program and the Old Rochester Regional High School are teaming up to bring Marcia Richards back to the SouthCoast area to facilitate two free workshops which include hypnotherapy and guided imagery for smokers wishing to quit. Marcia Richards, DTS, CHt, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist experienced in facilitating quit smoking programs for individuals and groups.

Marcia facilitated two workshops last November in Acushnet. Participants from those workshops have been calling the PACT Program to request a "repeat performance" to reinforce their new non-smoking lifestyle and to bring some of their friends and family members as well.

The PACT Program will sponsor the first workshop to be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Sippican Shop on Spring Street in Marion. Judith Coykendall, Director of the PACT Program, said: "Noreen Nolan, owner of the Sippican Shop, expressed interest in hosting a quit smoking workshop and hypnotherapy session. Since we usually use schools and public buildings for these events, it seemed like a great idea to offer one in

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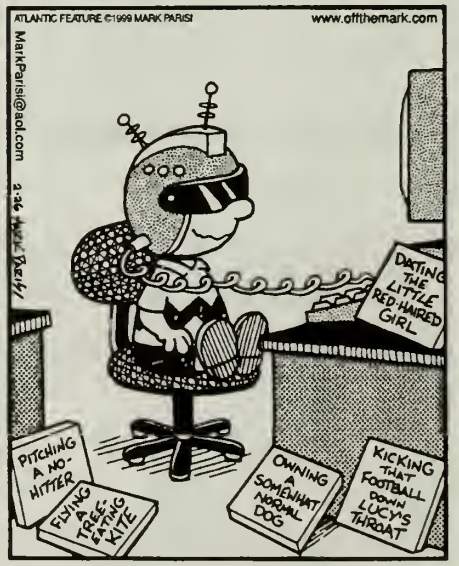

a different setting. When Noreen generously offered the use of the Sippican Shop, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to try something different."

A quit smoking support group series called "Independence from Tobacco" will also be offered in the weeks following the March 10 workshop. The PACT Program will also sponsor this series which will be held in a classroom at Old Rochester Regional High School on the following Wednesday evenings: March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7.

The final night of the series will feature Ms. Richards once again facilitating a workshop and hypnotherapy session. This event will be sponsored by the Old Rochester Regional School Health Advisory Council through funds from the Massachusetts Health Protection Grant. It will take place in the cafeteria at the high school at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 14 — which happens to be "Kick Butts Day."

Ms. Coykendall explained: "'Kick Butts Day' is a day when young advocates will participate in a variety of activities to educate people about the dangers of tobacco and to limit kids' access to tobacco products. Students in schools across the country plan events with the help of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. It is very timely that the school would be sponsoring a quit smoking event on that day to help both adults and students in our communities kick their addiction to nicotine."

Interested smokers should call Judith Coykendall at 748-3531 to register for one or more of these events. The PACT Program serves the Boards of Health of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester through a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett are having a Saint Patrick's Party at the Council on Aging Center on March 17 from 12:00 noon until 2:30 pm. Tickets may be obtained from Cynthia at the center. The closing date to obtain tickets (so they know how many are attending) is March 12.

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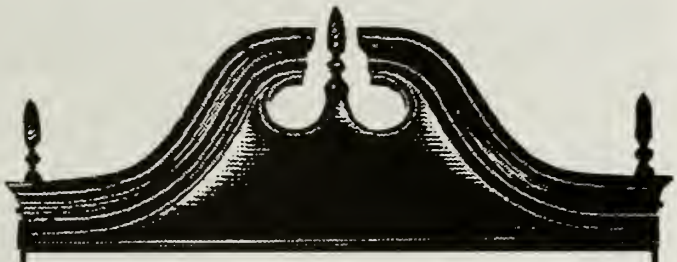

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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
February 25:	Thur.	3:35	4:04	10:02	10:03
February 26:	Fri.	4:35	5:01	11:09	11:11
February 27:	Sat.	5:30	5:54	. . .	12:01
February 28:	Sun.	6:20	6:41	12:06	12:44
March 1:	Mon.	7:06	7:26	12:52	1:21
March 2:	Tues.	7:50	8:09	1:32	1:54
March 3:	Wed.	8:32	8:50	2:08	2:24
March 4:	Thur.	9:12	9:31	2:42	2:52
March 5:	Fri.	9:53	10:13	3:13	3:21
March 6:	Sat.	10:34	10:55	3:45	3:52
March 7:	Sun.	11:17	11:41	4:19	4:26
March 8:	Mon.	. . .	12:04	4:56	5:05
March 9:	Tues.	12:32	12:58	5:40	5:50
March 10:	Wed.	1:26	1:56	6:33	6:45
March 11:	Thur.	2:26	2:56	7:37	7:50
March 12:	Fri.	3:24	3:53	8:49	9:01
March 13:	Sat.	4:19	4:45	9:57	10:08
March 14:	Sun.	5:09	5:33	10:53	11:07

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